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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to Their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission, and wishes to advise them of policy changes to the Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) Diplomatic Motor Vehicle program.

Chiefs of Mission are advised that effective immediately, OFM will require mission members whose "Position Type" in the Department's records is "Service Staff" or "Consular Service Staff" to obtain driver's licenses and vehicle registrations from OFM if otherwise eligible. This change applies to both Embassy and Consular Service Staff (hereafter referred to as "Service Staff") holding A-2 visas, who are not U.S. citizens, legal permanent residents, or considered locally employed staff holding an A-2 visa. Additionally, eligible dependents of such Service Staff will be obliged to obtain a driver's license or non-driver identification (NDI) card from OFM. To implement this policy change, eligible Service Staff and their dependents whose local driver's license or identification card is expiring will need to apply for an OFM-issued driver's license or NDI card instead of a Non-Eligibility letter. Furthermore, eligible Service Staff who have registered a vehicle with a local motor vehicle department should apply to OFM

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for a vehicle registration and license plates via eGov. Any dependents of eligible Service Staff who have a vehicle registered locally will need to register their vehicle with OFM in the principal's name. The dependent may be added to the registration as a co-owner. Detailed information on how to apply for OFM-issued driver's licenses and vehicle registrations may be found at OFM's website (www.state.gov/ofm/dmv).

These changes are a result of the Department's efforts to better serve the foreign missions community within the United States in a more efficient and uniform manner. The Department requests that Chiefs of Mission ensure this information is thoroughly disseminated to all mission members. Missions may direct any questions regarding this matter to OFM's Office of Diplomatic Motor Vehicles either by electronic mail to OFMDMVInfo@state.gov or by telephone at 202-895-3500.

Department of State,

Washington, January 7, 2019.

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